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Voyageurs National Park News Release

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VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK OPENS NEW EXHIBITS AT THE KABETOGAMA LAKE VISITOR CENTER

Over the winter, the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center received an exciting new facelift. Starting on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 9:00am visitors will have the opportunity to view the new exhibits when the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center opens for the season.

Upon entering the center, visitors are immersed in the colors, scenes, and sounds of Voyageurs National Park. The exhibits highlight the park's forests, waters, geology, and voyageur history. A few features of the exhibits include a replica beaver lodge that visitors can view from the inside, a bald eagle nest with an adult eagle and two chicks, a display that will test visitors' knowledge about rocks, and an interactive park map. Special children's activity areas give the park's youngest visitors a chance to learn about the park and how to take care of it. To complete the experience, a large screen movie guides visitors through the park's four seasons.

Voyageurs received funding for the exhibits from the National Park Service's Fee Demonstration Program in 2005. The Fee Demonstration Program allowed parks that did not collect fees to compete for 20% of the fees collected at other parks.

The exhibits were designed and built by Formations, Inc. of Portland, Oregon. Odyssey Productions of Portland, Oregon produced the film component of the exhibits.

Make plans this summer to travel to the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center to see the new exhibits and interact with the park.

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